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MAY 28 2009

Kurt Olson  
c/o Alpine Consulting, Inc.  
[REDACTED]

Re: Notice of Debarment

Dear Mr. Olson:

By letter of April 22, 2009, the Air Force initiated proceedings to debar you from contracting with the United States Government. The letter provided you with an opportunity to submit information and argument in opposition to the proposed debarment. To date, you have not responded to the proposed debarment notice.

Based upon the information in the administrative record in this matter, I have determined that protection of the Government's interests requires that you be debarred from contracting with the United States Government. The effects of debarment are those stated in the April 22, 2009, Notice of Proposed Debarment.

This debarment is effective immediately and continues for three years from April 22, 2009, the date you were proposed for debarment. Your debarment will terminate on April 21, 2012.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

STEVEN A. SHAW  
Deputy General Counsel  
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Alpine Consulting, Inc.  
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Re: Notice of Debarment

Ladies and Gentlemen:

By letter of April 22, 2009, the Air Force initiated proceedings to debar Alpine Consulting, Inc. from contracting with the United States Government. The letter provided Alpine Consulting, Inc. with an opportunity to submit information and argument in opposition to the proposed debarment. Alpine Consulting, Inc. has not responded to the proposed debarment notice.

Based upon the information in the administrative record in this matter, I have determined that protection of the Government's interests requires that Alpine Consulting, Inc. be debarred from contracting with the United States Government. The effects of debarment are those stated in the April 22, 2009, Notice of Proposed Debarment.

This debarment is effective immediately and continues for three years from April 22, 2009, the date Alpine Consulting, Inc. was proposed for debarment. Alpine Consulting, Inc.'s debarment will terminate on April 21, 2012.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

STEVEN A. SHAW  
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED DEBARMENTS OF:

ALPINE CONSULTING, INC.  
KURT OLSON

Effective this date, the Air Force has proposed the debarments of Alpine Consulting, Inc. (Alpine) and Kurt Olson (Olson) from Government contracting and from directly or indirectly receiving the benefits of federal assistance programs. The actions are initiated pursuant to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 9.4.


INFORMATION IN THE RECORD

Information in the record establishes by a preponderance of evidence that at all times relevant herein:

1. Alpine is a Colorado company that provides building inspection, testing laboratory, and other management consulting services. Olson is Alpine's sole owner and manager. Alpine is a small business with fewer than 10 employees.
2. Alpine worked as a subcontractor to conduct asbestos tests at the United States Air Force Academy (Academy). The subcontract required Alpine to take physical samples from the Academy and test the samples for asbestos and other contaminants. Alpine was then required to submit the asbestos testing results to the prime contractor, which in turn submitted the results to the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence.
3. At Olson's direction, Alpine collected fewer samples from the Academy than required under Alpine's subcontract. To disguise this failure, again at Olson's direction, Alpine falsified collection records, fabricated testing results, and submitted these false records to the Government (through the prime contractor) for payment.
4. Olson was charged with forging test results and making false statements to public officials in 2003.
5. In February 2009, Olson pled guilty to attempting to influence a public servant (Colorado Criminal Code §18-8-306, a felony that is similar in operation to the Federal criminal False Statements Act). Olson was ordered to pay \$366 in fines, costs and fees, and received a three year deferred sentence.

## FINDINGS

1. The repeated and willful failure to collect samples for asbestos testing in accordance with the subcontract's terms, and the purposeful efforts to cover up the failure, provide a basis for Olson's debarment and a basis for Alpine's debarment pursuant to FAR 9.406-2(b)(1)(i)(A) and (B).
3. Pursuant to FAR 9.406-5(a), the fraudulent, criminal, and seriously improper conduct of Olson, as an officer, director, shareholder, partner, employee, or other individual associated with Alpine, may be imputed to Alpine because Olson's conduct occurred in connection with the performance of his duties for or on behalf of Alpine, or with the knowledge, approval, or acquiescence of Alpine. The imputation of Olson's fraudulent, criminal, and seriously improper conduct to Alpine provides a separate basis for its debarment.
4. Pursuant to FAR 9.406-5(b), the fraudulent, criminal, or other seriously improper conduct of Alpine may be imputed to Olson as an officer, director, shareholder, partner, employee or other individual associated with Alpine because Olson participated in, knew of, or had reason to know of Alpine's conduct. The imputation of Alpine's fraudulent and seriously improper conduct to Olson provides a separate basis for his debarment.
5. The misconduct of Alpine and Olson is of so serious and compelling a nature that it affects their present responsibility to be Government contractors or subcontractors, and provides separate bases for their debarments pursuant to FAR 9.406-2(c).



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